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SUBJECT: U.S./EC-9 DECLARATION AND NATO POLITICAL

DIRECTORS' MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 23461, (B) BONN 1646, (C) BONN 1718

1. FONOFF CHIEF FOR EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION CONTACTED  
EMBOFF FEB 5 TO SOUND OUT AMERICAN THINKING ON TIMING OF  
NEXT MEETING BETWEEN POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND U.S. REPS  
ON U.S./EC DECLARATION. FONOFF REP NOTED TENTATIVE  
FEB 28 DATE FOR NATO POL DIRECTORS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY  
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BELGIANS AND SAID FRG UNDERSTOOD THAT U.S. REPS WOULD

WISH TO HOLD NATO AND EC MEETINGS IN SAME TIME FRAME.  
HE ADDED THAT BILATERAL FRANCO/GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTERS'  
MEETING WOULD OCCUR MARCH 1 AND THAT BOTH VAN WELL AND  
PUAUX WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE. IN THESE CIRCUM-  
STANCES, FONOFF REP QUERIED US INFORMALLY ON HOW FEB 27  
OR FEB 26-27 WOULD SOUND FOR U.S. REPS.

2. EMBOFF DREW ON PARA 1 OF DEPT'S REFTEL GUIDANCE  
R, SAYING EARLY EC-9 DECISION ON TIMING OF INVITA-  
TION DATE FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT WOULD BE HELPFUL  
IN FIRING UP FEB 28 DATE FOR BELGIAN NATO POL DIRECTORS  
LUNCHEON. EMBOFF ALSO URGED GERMANS TO PROVIDE USG  
WITH TEXT OF EMERGING EC-9 PAPER ASAP.

3. FONOFF REP SAID VAN WELL WOULD SEEK AUTHORITY AT  
FEB 6-7 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO NAIL DOWN DATE OF  
U.S./EC MEETING, PERHAPS FOR AFTERNOON OF FEB 26 AND  
FEB 27. VAN WELL WOULD ALSO SEEK PC AUTHORITY TO PASS  
US EC-9 PAPER, ALTHOUGH EC PERM REPS MAY NEED TO TAKE  
ANOTHER LOOK AT EC PAPER. FONOFF REP ADDED IN STRICT  
CONFIDENCE THAT EVEN IF PAPER NOT FULLY COMPLETED BY PC,  
IT MAY BE PASSED TO USG INFORMALLY EITHER DURING VAN  
WELL'S MEETING FEB 8 WITH AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND OR  
DURING MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FONMIN SCHEEL  
ON MARGINS OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE.

4. AT REQUEST OF FONOFF NATO DEPT CHIEF, EMBOFF DESCRIBED  
POSSIBLE SUBJECT MATTER FOR BELGIAN LUNCHEON (REF A -  
PARA 2). NATO DEPT CHIEF SAID HE WOULD PASS THE U.S.  
THINKING TO VAN WELL, WHO HAD ALREADY COMMENTED FAVOR-  
ABLY ON DISCUSSION BY 15 POL DIRECTORS OF CSCE/MBFR.  
OFFICIAL SAID SOME TOPIC "OUTSIDE NORMAL NATO AREA"  
MIGHT ALSO BE GOOD IDEA, BUT INDICATED UNCERTAINTY AT  
POSSIBILITY OF TREATING TRILATERAL U.S./EUROPEAN/JAPAN  
RELATIONSHIP.  
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